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WHY WE HAD TO PUBLISH

THIS MORNING you are without your regular daily paper. This is not because anyone is on strike, but because the newspaper owners have decided to force a showdown with the trade unions whose members print the papers.

Most people who work in newspapers - the journalists and the printers - think the owners are mad. Many newspapers are losing money - some more than £1 million a year. And every day without papers means thousands more pounds lost, hundreds more jobs in danger. And, most important, it means that the ordinary people of Britain stand the risk of losing more vital sources of information and comment.

In a free country, this comment and information is crucial. Without it, the bureaucrats, the businessmen and the politicians are that much more free to do as they please, without the public watching closely over their shoulder.

Every newspaper lost, whatever its opinions, is a nail in the coffin of ordinary peoples' freedom.

This is why we, a group national paper journalists all working in Manchester, have produced the Free Press.

Unlike our bosses, we want to keep the presses rolling.

Hope of end to lockout

THE NATIONAL newspapers should be published again tomorrow morning, according to Mr Vic Feather, general secretary of the TUC.

The Newspaper Publishers Association late last night agreed to meet union representatives at 4 pm today.

After hard talks lasting ten hours yesterday Mr Feather said he had reached agreement with the printing unions on a proposal to put before the NPA.

Fleet Street journalists made efforts - largely unavailing - to dissociate themselves from both parties in the dispute that stopped all the national papers publishing yesterday.

Early in the day, a few issues of an eight page London Evening News and also the Standard appeared, written and produced by members of the National Graphical Association. But lacking plans for dealing with the situation, and facing managerial discouragement and technical problems, journalists

decided not to try to force papers on to the news stands.

Journalists on the Sun, however, contracted with a printer to produce 5,000 copies of a journal to be called simply Paper.

Leaders of journalists' chapels in Fleet Street met yesterday and expressed "dis-may" at the closing down of papers by the NPA and urged a withdrawal of notices on NGA members as the necessary preliminary to serious negotiations.

Journalists were told to go on working normally while their union leaders contacted the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation to find ways of re-summing production. NUJ leaders were also asked to take an initiative in finding some long-term answers to the current Fleet Street hiccoughs.

Newspaper shares suffered a sharp set-back on the stock markets yesterday.

Associated Newspapers was hardest hit with a fall of 6p to 135p at one stage.

2am news

RHODESIA TALKS NEAR END

LORD GOODMAN, who is also chairman of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, yesterday postponed his departure from Salisbury, Rhodesia, where he is trying to negotiate a settlement with the illegal Smith regime.

Mr Ian Smith had called a special meeting to discuss proposals which were described as "near final".

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THE LATEST pension increases have been completely eaten away by rising prices, the Transport and General Worker's Union executive said yesterday.

There had been unnecessary delay in implementation. A couple's joint pension will now be £9.70 a week.

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DR MUELLER, South African foreign minister, had talks at the Foreign Office in London yesterday, believed to have been about the supply of arms to South Africa.

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WEATHER: mainly dry, sunny spells, warm.

Baffling bosses of Fleet Street

Why has the national newspaper industry been brought to its knees for the second time in eighteen months? There are two basic causes. One is the insistence by the main craft print union, the National Graphical Association, on preserving the traditional pay differentials of its members over other workers in the industry.

The second is the unquestionably hard line taken by the News-

paper Publishers Association towards NGA members.

The history of the dispute is short and depressing. The six printing unions who negotiate with the NPA (of which the NGA is one) were offered a £1 a week increase plus the consolidation in their basic pay of a £1.10 cost of living bonus.

The print unions collectively accepted and were prepared to recommend the offer to the

members but the NPA halted proceedings by calling for the retention of the pay differential for being skilled workers.

The NGA followed this move by deciding to approach individual newspaper managements to negotiate separate company pay deals. The claim at this stage - Thursday and Friday of last week - shaped up as a demand for a 7½% increase on basic rates, to be paid in two

stages over the next eighteen months. The union has also demanded the consolidation of the cost of living bonus.

The claim has been rejected by the employers.

While NGA members are meeting to discuss the state of negotiations the NPA - irritated by the loss of production following meetings earlier in the

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90 arrests in airport protest

Students were arrested in scores and 21 police were injured in new violence over the building of Tokyo's second international airport.

Riot squads fired tear gas volleys at about 700 protesters, many carrying petrol bombs, who set workmen's sleeping quarters ablaze and then erected barricades and sprinkled petrol on roads to prevent fire brigades from reaching the scene.

About 1,300 riot police kept watch at the work site but the students had dispersed by midnight.

Police said by then they had arrested 90 students, 25 of them girls. Two students were injured.

The riots came at the airport, being built 37 miles east of Tokyo, just four days after three policemen died and 207 people were injured when the Airport Corporation cleared makeshift forts and tunnels built by militant students and farmers.

The students are protesting against the farmland being lost and the noise and air pollution hazards they expect the airport to bring.

The fighting erupted when riot police and officials made a surprise demolition of the farmhouse of a woman aged 63, so that they could complete a 13,000-foot runway.

The Left Wing students were too late to prevent this move, but later they began a series of scattered clashes and acts of arson.

Building work is now in full swing for highways from Tokyo and a jet fuel pipeline from a port near by.

But extremists have threatened to attack the airport even when it is opened - which could be as soon as next May.

RACE TRIAL DEAN IN COURT CLASH

The Dean of Johannesburg, the Very Reverend Gonville Ffrench-Beytagh, said at his trial in Pretoria yesterday that anyone who thought he would lead a violent movement in South Africa "must be out of his mind".

The dean, who was being cross-examined for the second successive day, faces charges of terrorism which could carry the death penalty. His trial has already lasted seven weeks.

In a bitter clash with the State Prosecutor, Mr. Johan Liebenberg, the 59 year old Dean denied that he had ever suggested violence as a means of bringing about political change. But he admitted that he was not opposed to violence under all conditions.

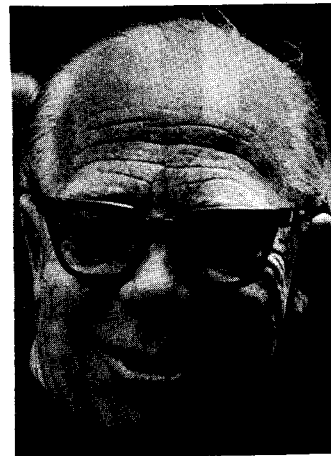
"All I want is that men

should be treated as men, irrespective of their colour", he said. "I don't know how radical that is."

Dean Ffrench-Beytagh denied that he had agreed about violence in a conversation with Dennis Brutus, a Coloured South African who has been banned by the South African Government and is now actively promoting the country's isolation in international sport.

When the Dean added that he believed violence was allowable to Christians under certain conditions, the State Prosecutor commented: "I suggest that you are getting evasive".

The alternatives were that one either acquiesced in the state of affairs in South Africa, or that one



believed there was no alternative to violence, Mr. Liebenberg claimed.

The Dean: "That is not so. I said the time had not been reached when violence was necessary."

The Dean added that he believed resistance should be staged within the law, and that he doubted that all forms of active resistance were illegal.

He told Mr. Liebenberg in answer to another question that the Church and the Communist Party were working from entirely different points of view in their opposition to apartheid.

ELLSBERG EXPECTS KAUNDA GAOL FOR LIFE CLAMPS DOWN

Dr. Ellsberg said today he expected to go to prison for the rest of his life when he made his decision to make public the secret study of U. S. involvement in Indochina. He has been indicted by a Grand Jury for unauthorised possession of the papers. Dr. Ellsberg said in an interview in the current issue of Look that he still expects to go to prison "but less than I did when this arose".

Dr. Ellsberg said that in spite of his belief that he would be imprisoned, he felt he had to make the study public because of its importance.

He said "the documents themselves had the lesson in them. It seemed to me that Nixon was the fifth President in succession to be subjected to the same pressures that led four other Presidents to maintain involvement in Indochina".

"From a military point of view, you could say he didn't have the courage to go in to win, but on the other hand, he was assured by intelligence estimates - which checked out pretty well, year by year - that the kinds of things proposed by the military would not win."

Dr. Ellsberg also said in spite of what is generally believed President Eisenhower had full, detailed knowledge of the U-2 spy plane flights

The flights ended abruptly in 1960 when the Russians shot down one of the high-altitude planes. "Most Americans assumed that Eisenhower had not known of the flight, certainly not in detail. I think that most people believed this on two grounds: that there's a lot that goes on that no President knows about in detail and that Eisenhower knew even less than most Presidents because he was always on the golf course."

Zambian Opposition leaders were arrested yesterday in a series of dawn swoops under special powers which allow indefinite detention without trial. Afterwards Mr. Simon Kapwepwe, leader of the United Progressive Party, commented: "They seem to have left only me."

The Zambian authorities have released no figures of the numbers held by the police under the special presidential security powers. In a statement Dr. Kaunda would say only that he had detained a number of people who were gun-running and sending Zambians abroad for military training in unnamed hostile territory. But Mr. Kapwepwe claimed that some 30 arrests were made in Lusaka and other important centres.

DUMB-DUMB

Ulster soldier hurt by home-made bullet

The Army in Northern Ireland believes that the massive injuries inflicted on a soldier fired on by a sniper in Londonderry yesterday were the result of his being struck by a home made Dum-Dum bullet.

The Official wing of the IRA, which later claimed credit for the attack, agreed that a "soft-nosed 303 bullet" had been used by one of their marksmen.

The soldier was hit by a single shot fired on an army post near a garage in Foyle Road shortly after 8 am. Corporal Malcolm McKay of the First Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, was hit as he was bending over a table in the operations room.

The bullet, which technical officers said later had been filed down to form a "Dum-Dum" type of head, hit the soldier in the back, causing huge entry and exit wounds. Corporal McKay was admitted to the Altnagelvin Hospital, where he underwent a major abdominal operation, and was later said to be "very seriously ill".

A police constable who was injured in a machine-gun attack in Strabane on Friday night was still dangerously ill in the same hospital. His colleague, Constable Robert Leslie, who was killed in the same attack, was buried yesterday in his home town of Moy, County Tyrone. The Prime

A bomb containing a heavy charge of gelignite exploded at the Blue Bell Bar, Sandy Row, Belfast, just after 11.30 last night. A number of people were reported taken to hospital. Army experts estimated that 20lb. of explosive was used.

Minister. Mr. Brian Faulkner, and the Chief Constable of the RUC, Mr. Gordon Stillington, attended the funeral.

Soldiers on duty in an army patrol vehicle near the Irish border in County Tyrone yesterday afternoon narrowly escaped injury when a bomb, estimated to contain between

50 and 100 tons of gelignite, exploded between two Scout cars. A hole, ten feet deep, was torn in the road.

Technical officers believe the device had been placed in a tunnel dug underneath the road.

Three hundred petrol bombs were found yesterday afternoon by troops searching streets in Newry, 40 miles from Belfast. The bombs were discovered in 25 groups, hidden in a house at the corner of Shankill Street and Prospect Road.

Another post office van was ambushed and burned near Coagh, County Tyrone. Two masked and armed men held up the van at the spot where another van driven by the same driver, had been robbed and burned two weeks ago, but this time the raiders found no money among the mail on board. They set it alight after ransacking the contents.

And in Belfast there was another armed bank raid, this time on a branch of the Provincial Bank of Ireland in Andersonstown. There have been more than 120 raids in Belfast this year.

Six Ministers avoid trade war with U.S.

Foreign Ministers of the Common Market agreed in Brussels yesterday on the need to avoid a trade conflict with the United States.

They met to consider the economic implications of President Nixon's monetary and trade measures last month and are said to have adopted a cautious, wait-

and-see position.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Maurice Schumann told his colleagues that little could usefully be added by yesterday's session to the united EEC front hammered out by Finance Ministers in Brussels a week ago.

This called for a deval-

uation of the dollar as part of an international monetary realignment and insisted upon an end to the ten per cent import surcharge imposed by the United States.

The Ministers stressed the Common Market's position that the American measures must be

regarded as a global package and that the trade and monetary sides could not be considered in isolation.

Signor Aldo Moro, the Italian Foreign Minister, said the Six were agreed that there should be no reprisal measures taken against the United States.

Any measures to compensate EEC industries who suffer from the US moves should be temporary and taken at Community, not national level.

Gun theft: P.C.s are accused

Two London policemen were remanded on bail yesterday when they appeared at Marlborough Street magistrates court accused of stealing a gun. One of the men, a detective sergeant, also faced a conspiracy charge.

Sergeant Eric Price (33) of Ruislip, and P.c. Albert John Palfrey (36) of Bexley, were

stationed in West End Central police station. Also in court were three civilians - Edmund John Bridge of Mirror Park, Eltham; Nicholas Fisicioris, of New York; and Faoud Antoun, of Cornwall Gardens, who are accused with Price of conspiring to defeat the course of justice on or about Sept 14 to 16 in London.

The policemen and Bridge were remanded until October 25, each on his own recognis-

ance of £500. Antoun was also bailed until October 25 on his own recognisance of £1000 and two sureties of £10,000. Fisicioris was refused bail and remanded in custody until September 29.

PETROCARBON, of Manchester, in association with Dupont de Nemours of the USA, has won an order worth \$20 millions for a plant to manufacture Corfam, a synthetic leather, for the Polish Government.

CARSON LOOKS GOOD

Willie Carson, in hot pursuit of Lester Piggott in the race for the jockeys' championship, had three winners at Kempton Park on Saturday and two at Leicester yesterday. He should again be worth following at Leicester today when he can take the first two events on Shoolerville (2.00) and Barnie Goo Goo (2.30).

Shoolerville, who won three races earlier in the season, faces tough opposition from Old Crafty and Falsa in the Kegworth Plate, but Sam Armstrong's colt showed good speed for a long way in the Gimcrack Stakes at York last month and will be running on well at the end

of this five furlongs.

Barnie Goo Goo finished third to Inca Moon in a nursery at Chepstow three weeks ago, and on that form is entitled to preference over Jave River and Some Girl in the Ashby Selling Stakes.

Sam Hall won the sponsored Long John Scotch whisky handicap with Gossip Column at Ayr on Saturday, and should have another success when Clip Joint (4.30) turns out for the Charnwood Handicap Plate. Clip Joint has not won since beating Brokopondo by six lengths in the King George V Stakes at Royal Ascot last year, but did not run badly when sixth to Loudoun Gale at Ripon last

time out and should appreciate the extra four furlongs of the September Amateur Stakes.

Fields at Plumpton's National Hunt meeting are small, but Pine Lodge (3.45) best at the weights for the Apollo Handicap, and Firedancer, the mount of leading amateur Mr Philip Mitchell, is preferred to Into Battle and Hoarwithy in today's race. He looks better class than the opposition, of which Peter Walwyn's Folkestone winner Be Happy could be the main danger.

Douane (4.00), who appeared somewhat unlucky when a close fifth to Tècllyn at Salisbury recently,

in the Gross Cash Registers Handicap Hurdle looks a reasonable betting proposition.

Selections:

Leicester:-

- 2.00 Shoolerville
- 2.30 Barnie Goo Goo
- 3.00 Star Trek
- 3.30 Firedancer
- 4.00 Douane
- 4.30 Clip Joint, nap

Plumpton:-

- 2.15 Eastern Blueblood
- 2.45 Daxal
- 3.15 Prince Tino
- 3.45 Pine Lodge
- 4.15 Doughty Cottage
- 4.45 Parventure

*BAFFLING BOSSES

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week — issued its ultimatum to the NGA.

This spelled out that any further interruption in newspaper production in any one NPA office would be followed by the sacking of all NGA members.

This is the step the NPA took at the weekend when there were further meetings and the production of Sunday newspapers was held up. The result has been complete standstill in the industry with thousands of workers being made idle.

This battle has been taking place against the background of a highly insecure newspaper industry in which two, possibly three, newspapers are in a very precarious financial position.

The publishers' association knows this and this is why their hard line attitude is baffling. In short, the collective action imposed in the industry by the owners could kill off some newspapers which individually might be prepared to meet the NGA demands.

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Stanley Reynolds reviews television

"THIRTY MINUTE Theatre" returned to BBC-2 last night with a highly unusual humorous slice of working class life from Jim Allen, the begetter of so many of those grim and humourless documentary plays about the class struggle.

"Walt, King of the Dumpers" was Allen showing an almost frivolous side with this tale of three men digging a public bog under the passing gaze of a neighbouring buxom grass widow, Jasmine (Wanda Ventham).

The most daring of the workers, Walt, (Dennis Waterman) who drives a dump wagon, catches the eye of

the lusty Jasmine in a very funny sequence in which he sings "Raindrops keep falling on my head" while driving his dumper and imitating Paul Newman.

This was one of the most amusing scenes in a tv drama I have seen in a long time, and it caught exactly the youthful spirit that you can see on almost any building site.

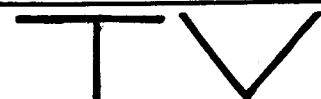
Here Allen, who normally seems to be stuck with heroic working class figures with their jeans bulging with Marxist literature, got himself tapped into that anarchistic love of life

which is more true to the real working class than the

speculation on the class struggle which normally comes from his characters' mouths.

Not that the struggle was missing, comrades. Poor Walt attempting to get on the good side of the lady, offers to turn over her back garden on his company's time. He is caught by the boss. Jasmine then takes the boss upstairs to her bedroom. The political lesson was there for all to see; it was, I suppose, a variation on the rich getting the pleasure.

The cameraman did not have much to work with, only some shots of rolling northern hills and of course the rolling Miss Ventham. Still it was exceptional work by the invariably versatile Brian Tufano.



BBC-1

- 9.38 Schools programmes
- 12.55 Welsh Songs of Praise
- 1.30 Watch With Mother
- 1.45 News
- 2.00 Schools programmes
- 4.15 Play School
- 4.40 Jackanory
- 4.55 Animal Magic
- 5.20 Harlem Globetrotters
- 5.44 Magic Roundabout
- 5.50 National News
- 6.00 Nationwide
- 6.45 Quiz Ball
- 7.5 Z Cars
- 7.30 Film: Mystery Submarine

- 9.00 News
- 9.20 Documentary: The Fight For Clydeside
- 10.35 24 Hours
- 11.10 Viewpoint
- 11.32 Medicine Today

BBC-2

- 11.0 Play School
- 1.15 Medicine Today
- 7.05 Open University
- 7.30 Newsroom
- 8.00 International Golf
- 8.50 Wheelbase
- 9.20 Film: come Back,
- 8.00 International Golf
- 8.50 Wheelbase
- 9.20 Film: Come Back, Little Sheba
- 10.50 News on 2

- 10.55 The Old Grey Whistle Test

Granada

- 10.20 Schools programmes
- 3.45 All About Riding
- 4.10 News headlines Peyton Place
- 4.40 Yak
- 4.55 Junior Showtime
- 5.15 Magpie
- 5.50 News
- 6.00 Newsday
- 6.25 Hogan's Heroes
- 6.50 Film: Town Tamer
- 8.30 Keep it in the Family
- 9.00 Armchair Theatre
- 10.0 News at Ten
- 10.30 Documentary: Now That the Buffalo's Gone
- 11.30 Play Better Golf